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City to Host Annual Highland Square Festival

Local artists, bands, and culinary delights will highlight event.

Akron, Ohio (May 8, 2013) – Last night, at a flag unveiling ceremony in West Hill, Mayor Plusquellic announced that the City of Akron will host the annual Highland Square Festival. The new West Hill flags, designed by local artist Don Drumm, were unveiled by Don Drumm, Mayor Plusquellic, and Ward 8 Councilwoman Marilyn Keith, and are intended to bring enjoyment to its residents and distinctiveness to the West Hill neighborhood.

“Highland Square is at the heart of the West Hill neighborhood,” noted Mayor Plusquellic. “So, it seemed appropriate to announce, at this very special flag unveiling, that the annual Highland Square festival will grow and prosper with guidance from the City.”

Previously, the festival was held sporadically, occurring some years and not others. The event itself varied from a huge city-wide festival to a much smaller neighborhood event.

“By organizing the event, we hope it will become the type of event city residents flock to year after year – much like the Hardesty Park Art Expo in West Akron,” said Mayor Plusquellic.

The festival will feature local talent, including artists, solo musicians, bands, and more.

“I am very excited that the City has taken an interest in the Highland Square festival and that it will host the event yearly,” said Jane Startzman, President of the West Hill Neighborhood Organization. “I truly think the City can add some consistency to the festival and turn it into a destination spot (if only for a day) for the entire city, year after year.”

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